

## Women's and Misses' Suits Reduced

Suits at this price are made of chevots, diagonal and other desirable materials, in about 20 different styles; black, blue and green; any one in the lot sold originally for \$8.98 \$20.00

Many of these Suits are exclusive styles, with the latest and cleverest ideas that make them attractive; several of the popular shades in all desirable materials; original price \$23.75 \$35.00 and \$40.00.

Here is your chance to get a bargain in a Suit. These are most every desirable color, with 30 and 34-inch coats, newest skirts. Some of the materials are chevots, serges, basket weaves and other popular fabrics; this sale \$11.98

The Suits in this lot are of the finest materials, in many styles, but only one or two of a kind; some of these Suits sold early in the season as high as \$30.00 and \$32.50; this sale at \$17.75

## Coats in All Styles

Women's and Misses' Long black Coats, made of melton, several trimmed with braid; these are absolutely the most wonderful bargains ever offered at \$5.00

Long Coats, in black, tan, grey and mixtures, in both diagonal and smooth finished cloth, several different styles; made to sell from \$12.50 to \$15.00. \$8.98

New designs in Long Coats, suitable for either street or auto wear, made of the regular coating materials; colors, black mixtures, at \$12.50

## Women's Dresses

A small lot of Dresses, made of Panama and other woolen materials, in black and navy, and a few bright shades; were sold originally at \$18.00 and \$20.00; this sale at \$5.00

Cloth and Silk Dresses, about 37 in all, in the best styles, in all the staple colorings, tastefully trimmed, plain or full plaited skirts; the price this sale is \$8.98

One lot of the Cleverest and Most Up-to-date Dresses, in voile and wool materials; not all sizes; colors, black, navy, grey and other popular shades; worth from \$20.00 to \$25.00 \$12.50

## Miller & Rhoads

## CUTS RENTAL ON CITY AUDITORIUM

## CHANGE LAWS TO LIQUOR LICENSES

## Council Committee Allows Philharmonic Society Special Rate.

## Applicants Put Up Checks Ten Days Before Issuance by Court.

After hearing a statement of E. A. Hoen, the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings last night recommended its former action and granted a special rate of \$15 per night for the Philharmonic Society. The committee also recommended that the rate for the use of the auditorium for the purpose of holding musical education of the public, it being planned to sell subscriptions to the series at a nominal price. The committee also recommended that the rate for the use of the auditorium for the purpose of holding musical education of the public, it being planned to sell subscriptions to the series at a nominal price. The committee also recommended that the rate for the use of the auditorium for the purpose of holding musical education of the public, it being planned to sell subscriptions to the series at a nominal price.

According to an amendment to the ordinance governing the application for city liquor licenses, dealers will be permitted to file their checks accompanying the applications twenty days later than was the case last spring. The amendment, which was approved October 25, provides that certified checks shall be deposited with the Commissioner of the Revenue "at least ten days prior to the date on which such applicant desires the said license to become effective." The old law required the deposits to be made thirty days before the license became effective. The licensees under which the saloons are now operating, will expire on January 1, and those for the new year will be in force on the following day. Application must be made to the commissioner in the handwriting and signed by the applicant and must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500. If all requirements of the law are met, the license will be issued by the court, who will formally authorize the bars to do business. The amendment was passed because it was thought a hardship for the liquor dealers to have their money tied up for such a length of time, especially in view of the fact that they can derive any benefit from it. Though it created quite a good deal of interest when under discussion in the Council, it has since been passed without comment. The fact and are preparing to deposit their checks January 2.

## ASSESSOR QUALIFIES

## BANK MOVES BACK TO OLD QUARTERS

State Senator Harman Now Full-Fledged City Official. City Clerk Ben T. August, yesterday and qualified for the position of Assessor of Damages, a position to which he was appointed by the City Engineer. He gave bond in the sum of \$10,000, with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company as surety. He will take the oath of office on January 1, 1917.

First National Returns to Building Damaged by Falling Wall. The First National Bank moved back last night into its old quarters at 1101 East Main Street, and will be ready for business in its former home this morning.

## DIAMONDS

## TO BEGIN WORK ON ITS NEW HOME

For the New Year gift is quite the most elegant and lasting of all.

Excavations for a new building next door caused a collapse of a part of the east wall of the First National Bank building, the portion of September 27, the fall seriously damaging the heavy stone cornice and front of the building.

SCHWARZSCHILD BROS.,

The following marriage licenses were issued in the clerk's office of the Hunting Court yesterday:

25 DAYS' TRIP.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: L. Frost, M. S. Fulton, F. H. Boxley, George W. Brown, Richard N. Goode, John C. Hagan, F. H. Hardaway, J. Hoehler, S. P. Jones, Charles H. Kestner, George W. Lancaster and W. E. Tanner.

RICHMOND TRANSFER COMPANY,

The board last night organized, re-electing John C. Hagan as president, Minor P. Jones, vice-president, and F. H. Hardaway, cashier.

Entire voyage by same steamer, including calls at Havana (stay two days), Cienfuegos (one day), Manzanillo (one day), Santiago (one day), and Kingston, Jamaica, with trips in Havana and hotel accommodations in Havana and Santiago.

THE SAVINGS BANK OF RICHMOND

Cost \$110.00.

by check. You'll always know to a penny the cost of living and get the best kind of receipt.

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## BANKS IN FUTURE TO CLOSE AT 2 P.M.

New Clearing House Schedule Goes Into Effect On and After February 1.

## SOUND REASONS FOR CHANGE

Mr. Miller Explains Benefits to Officers—No Hardship on Public.

In order to conform to the custom of larger cities, banking hours in Richmond on and after February 1 will be from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. The present closing hour is 3 P. M. The change has been made by the Clearing-House Association in order to expedite the collection of country checks and the early dispatching of mails, and to eliminate the delay heretofore attending the having of clerks and bank officers go out to lunch during business hours. When the new system is in vogue all officers will be in place for the five public hours of banking business without interruption.

The action has been under consideration for some months, and was finally approved at a meeting of the Clearing-House Association held on Wednesday afternoon. That action was taken subject to the opinion of the attorney for the association as to the legality of the action and in conformity with the national banking laws. Attorney George Bryan delivered a written opinion to the effect that the action was within the authority of the association and that it was at once announced in all the banks that the early closing would take effect from February 1.

The new rule of the Clearing House will affect all the members of the association; that is, all of the larger banks of the city, and all banks, including through members, which practically means all banks doing business in Richmond.

Miller Gives Reasons. John M. Miller, Jr., vice-president and cashier of the First National Bank, said yesterday that the action was a result of the steadily increasing volume of business of the Richmond banks.

"Hours of banking in various cities," he explained, "are fixed largely by local conditions and the running of the city. In New York City banking hours are from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. Charlotte, N. C., and Atlanta have banking hours from 9 to 2.

"Richmond, more than almost any city of its size, is a banking and jobbing center. Our wholesale houses deposit an enormous number of country checks for collection, and by closing an hour earlier we will have a better chance for working out a day in collecting them, and all banks, both where large amounts are involved.

Catch Early Trains. "By closing at 2 o'clock a large part of the bank mail can catch the 5:15 P. M. Seaboard train for New York, and so be distributed all over that city the first morning after it is received. While practically all of the Northern bank mail can be ready for the 8:20 train, as it is now, sometimes on heavy nights our mail does not get until 8 or 9 o'clock. Besides the New York train, there are heavy mails to East, South and West, leaving on afternoon and evening trains. The importance of the mail to the banks that this large volume of outgoing checks be ready for dispatch in ample time to catch trains, and so reach their destination as early as practicable on the following day.

"A matter in which customers of the banks are more interested is the annoyance of finding officials and clerks out at lunch. The new hours will mean that any bank coming in for transaction of business between 12:30 and 1 o'clock will find the clerks and officials in place. The individual bookkeeper or the man who is handling their transaction, of the bank official with whom they desire to deal, will be in place, and the clerks reporting on duty at 8 A. M. will be ready to do their work. The new hours will mean that any bank coming in for transaction of business between 12:30 and 1 o'clock will find the clerks and officials in place. The individual bookkeeper or the man who is handling their transaction, of the bank official with whom they desire to deal, will be in place, and the clerks reporting on duty at 8 A. M. will be ready to do their work.

Building Permits. Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows: Harvey C. Brown, to erect a detached brick garage on the south side of Monument Avenue, east of 22d Street, to cost \$250.

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## TO BEGIN WORK ON ITS NEW HOME

Main Street Bank Gets Quarters in Railway Station for Six Months.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Main Street Bank held yesterday noon, reports of the officers showed a gratifying increase in all departments, especially in assets and deposits. It was announced that work on the new bank building will begin January 1. The bank has secured temporary quarters in the southeast corner of Main Street Station, in which it will open for business to-morrow morning.

The new building has been awarded to John T. Nuckolls. It will stand at the northwest corner of Fifteenth and Main Streets, and will be completed under the contract within six months.

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## RAIDED HOUSE TO TAKE GIRL AWAY

Police Arrest Two Men and One Woman on Complaint of Mrs. Bernstein.

## APARTMENT IN TURMOIL

Nora Austin, 13 Years Old, Found With Party When Officers Suddenly Entered.

On complaint of Mrs. Sol Bernstein, of 124 East Broad Street, Robert Wilson, renting apartments on the second floor, and a party named Nora Austin, arrested last night and placed in the First Police Station on a warrant charging him with maintaining an objectionable establishment. Mrs. T. J. Stultz and Walter E. Birchett, found in the house, were both arrested, charged with being disorderly on the premises. When the raid was made, Nora Austin, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Bernstein by a former marriage, was found in the room with Mrs. Stultz and Birchett.

The alarm was given by Mrs. Bernstein because she was afraid her daughter had been enticed to the house for improper purposes. The police were called by means of the electric alarm signal at Seventh and Broad Streets, and responded by Sergeant Zimmer and Constables Palmer, Reid and Goldsby, who made the arrests.

At the station the little girl was closely questioned. She said that while no indignity had been offered her, she had given her 50 cents, telling her that it was for a party. She threw the money back at him and said that she would never again do anything from her mother. The officers making the raid said, however, that when they got in the room there were four glasses set out on the table, with whiskey and wine contained in the room. The girl was weeping bitterly, and as they entered Mrs. Stultz also began to cry. Birchett, who was very calm, and all were carried to the station.

According to the story, there was an entertainment at the Bernstein home, at which Birchett, Stultz and Mrs. Stultz were present. They took the Austin girl in a back room and induced her to go with them to the "Ninth Street House."

When they left, Mrs. Bernstein missed the child, and fearing that some harm would come to her, followed the couple as quickly as possible. Birchett and Stultz went into the house and were there, and notified the police. Policeman Palmer responded, and was warned by her not to enter the house alone. It was then that he pulled the electric alarm, bringing the other officers.

Goldsby was the first to enter the house, and the two entered by the back way. Meanwhile, Mrs. Stultz's husband arrived, and when Birchett came out it was with difficulty that he was prevented from attacking him with a knife, which was finally taken away from him.

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## ENDOWMENT FUND EXCEEDS \$10,000

Gratifying Report Made at Virginia Historical Society's Annual Meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING

Colonel McCabe Tells of Unpublished Records Which Are Soon to Appear.

The permanent endowment fund of the Virginia Historical Society during the past year exceeded the \$10,000 mark. This was announced yesterday by Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, president, at the annual meeting held in the home, 707 East Franklin Street. In his report Colonel McCabe called attention to the enlarged membership of the society, which has now enrolled 740 persons actively interested in the affairs of the institution.

The report took up in detail the numerous gifts presented, referring especially to a large number of books which will prove a valuable addition to the present priceless collection.

To Publishing Historical Matter. Colonel McCabe told the members present that forthcoming issues of the society's magazine will contain heretofore unpublished accounts of the colonial adventures of Captain John Rolfe from 1623 to 1635, taken from originals now preserved in the Congressional Library. These are expected to be among the most valuable documents ever published by the society.

In conclusion Colonel McCabe paid tribute to members who have died during the past year, and named:

Honorary—Mrs. John Stewart, of Brook Hill. Life—George A. Barksdale, William Ellis, Thomas, and George H. Byrd of New York.

Annual—Mrs. Joseph Bryan, of Landon; Thomas W. Edwards, of West Point, Va.; J. D. Eggleston, of Dudley, Va.; J. D. Eggleston, of Dudley, Va.; J. D. Eggleston, of Dudley, Va.

Officers Elected. The officers elected for the ensuing term are as follows: W. Gordon McCabe, president; Archer Anderson, first vice-president; Edward Y. Valentine, second vice-president; Lyon G. Tyler, third vice-president; William G. Standard, corresponding secretary; and J. H. Yancey, recording secretary.

Before adjourning a resolution of thanks was extended to the Virginia Society of Colonial Dames for having portraits now in the home prepared.

## HELD ON CHARGE OF STEALING LARD

Meyers Arrested While Leaving Forbes Plant With Tub on His Shoulder.

William Kerr and Bernard Meyers were arrested yesterday afternoon and charged by Detective-Sergeant Kellam with stealing fifty pounds of lard from the J. S. Forbes Packing Company. Reports have been recently made to the police concerning thefts of lard and meat, and Kellam was placed on duty to watch yesterday.

He saw Meyers come out of the Forbes establishment with the tub on his shoulder. Asked what he was doing, he said he was carrying it out for another man. The detective followed him to the rendezvous and got the other man and both were locked up.

Meyers admitted that he was carrying a number of small stores in various parts of the city have been supplied with lard and meats from day to day. Meyers admitted that he was carrying the lard to Kerr, but the latter would have nothing to say about it.

JORDAN ARRESTED

Chauffeur Falls to Pay Fine Growing Out of Accident.

G. H. Jordan, one of the chauffeurs in the local automobile accident several months ago, when he was driving a car north of the city, was arrested yesterday by police on a charge of larceny.

He was charged with stealing a car from the police station, and was taken to the police station. He was charged with stealing a car from the police station, and was taken to the police station.

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## To-Day the Greatest Friday Bargain Sale of All

Items of interest to every male member of your family. Read the list thoroughly.

## FOR MEN

At \$13.75—Stylish Suits worth up to \$22.50.

At \$16.00—Fashionable Overcoats worth up to \$28.00.

At \$9.75—Exceptional Overcoats worth up to \$18.00.

At \$2.95—Worst Trousers worth up to \$5.00.

At \$1.00—Worst and Cassimere Vests worth up to \$4.00.

At \$1.95—Fancy Day and Evening Vests worth up to \$5.00.

At \$1.00—Soft Hats worth up to \$3.00.

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At 50c—Soft and Stiff Bosom Shirts worth up to \$1.50.

At 65c—Silk Lined Mocha Gloves worth \$1.50.

## FOR BOYS

At \$1.95—Knickerbocker Cheviot Suits worth \$3.50.

At \$2.95—Knickerbocker Corduroy Suits worth \$5.00.

At \$3.95—Knickerbocker Cassimere and Cheviot Suits worth \$5.00.

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At \$2.50—Children's Overcoats and Reefers worth up to \$6.00.

At \$4.95—Children's Overcoats and Reefers worth up to \$8.50.

At \$8.75—Boys' Long Overcoats and Raincoats worth \$12.50.

At 89c—Boys' Sweaters worth \$1.25.

At 79c—Boys' Flannelette Pajamas worth \$1.25.

At 48c—Children's Cowboy Buckskin Gloves worth 75c.

At 25c—Boys' Caps worth 50c.

## Gans-Rady Company

More Members Desired by T. P. A.—Hotel Inspection Discussed.

With a reception attended by 200 members and their friends, Post A, Virginia Division, Travelers' Protective Association of America, last night launched a membership campaign. The local organization now has 355 members, a gain of nineteen in the past twelve months, and it is hoped to increase this number to 1,000 before May 1, 1917.

An interesting feature last night was the announcement of the growth of the Travelers' Protective Association in the Old Dominion during the past five years. The combined membership throughout the State in 1911 was 722, while to-day it has 2,670 interested workers.

Addressing the assembly, well known citizens were the feature of a brief business session. One of the most interesting of these was a talk by Dr. Roy C. Flanagan, president of the association, who outlined the plan of the association for the State Health Department. He devoted his remarks to the work of the department in carrying out the new law relating to the inspection of hotels.

Others who spoke included W. J. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce; W. H. White, president of the Travelers' Protective Association; Dr. J. J. Gravatt, chairman of the post; O. J. Sands, cashier of the American National Bank; and Walter Saunders.

The membership committee arranged for the affair, which was enlivened by a quartet. Supper was served.

MANY PEOPLE ROBBED

Police Get Reports of Disappearance of Much Property.

C. G. Kitchen, a guest at the Jefferson Hotel, reported to the police department yesterday the loss of his pocketbook, containing \$35 and a ticket to Savannah. He is not certain whether the wallet was lost or stolen.

Charles Fletcher, 212 North Third Street, lost a gold watch while walking along Broad Street.

These thefts look to the police as being a gang of pickpockets in the work, and a sharp lookout is being kept, especially on Broad Street.

TWELVE NEW RESIDENCES

Plans for Permit Aggregating \$80,000 Filed With Building Inspector.

Plans were filed yesterday in the office of the Building Inspector by Harvey C. Brown for the erection of twelve new residences in the West End. Ten of the new houses will stand on Grace Street west of Broad, and two on the corner of Grove Avenue west of Meadow. The average cost will be \$5,000, making the total permit aggregate \$80,000. As complete specifications have not yet been filed, it may be several days before the permit is issued. It is believed that the work will be begun at once and the houses pushed to completion this summer.